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Applicant: Mark L. Mathis, Gregory D. Nieminen and David G. Reuter

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DEVICE AND METHOD

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A Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

 No additional claim fee is required. XX The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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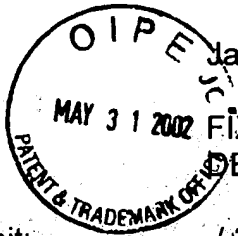
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Prior to first examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 42 and 43 as follows:

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42. The device of claim 1 wherein the connecting member is flexible and nonstretchable.

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